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SUMMARY: PRODUCTION, PARTICULARLY STEEL PRODUCTION, CONTINUES AS A PROBLEM AREA WITH CADRES TAKING THE MAJOR SHARE OF THE BLAME. PROLONGED ABSENCES BY VARIOUS PROVINCIAL LEADERS SUGGEST THAT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN HELD IN PEKING WITH LABOR DISCIPLINE APPARENTLY HIGH ON THE LIST OF ITEMS. EXTERNALLY, THE PRC MEDIA ATTENTION HAS CONTINUED ON US-USSR CONTENTION THROUGHOUT THE WORLD, BOTH IN THE CONTEXT OF THE UPCOMING CSCE SUMMIT MEETING IN HELSINKI AND ON US-USSR COOPERATION (FALSE DETENTE) IN SPACE. A HIGH-LEVEL PLO DELEGATION IS CURRENTLY IN PEKING AS IS A GROUP FROM ONE OF ANGOLA'S THREE LIBERATION MOVEMENTS. END SUMMARY

1. INTERNAL SCENE

WHILE REVIEW OF ALL SECTORS OF THE ECONOMY IS PROBABLY STILL TO BE COMPLETED IN PEKING AND ANALYSIS OF ACHEIEVEMENTS AWAITS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ONKEY SECTORS, THE CENTER'S DISAPPOINTMENT OVER SOME MID-YEAR REPORTS IS APPARENT AND SEVERAL INDUSTRIES AND BROBLE SPOTS HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL ATTENTION (WR 28). ONE OF THESE INDUSTRIES, STEEL , PROMINENTLY PLAYED IN JUEN-JULY BROADCASTS (WR 26), GETS CLEARER FOCUS

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IN A RED FLAG ARTICLE WHICH SINGLES OUT PROBLEMS INSIDE FACTORIES AND THE NEED TO SOLVE THEM RATHER THAN WORRYING ABOUT "EXTERNAL CONDITIONS", SUCH AS NEW EQUIPMENT, TRANSPORT, ORE SUPPLY, ETC. THE ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS DIFFICULTIES IN ACHIEVING "UNITY " AMONG THE WORKERS, AND PUT THE BLAME FOR PLANT INADEQUACIES ON THE REGIME'S PERENNIAL SCAPEGOAT, THE CADRES. CADRES ARE TOLD TO TIGHTEN UP THEIR LEADERSHIP BUT TO DO SO WITHOUT EITHER BECOMING REPRESSIVE

OR NEGLECTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. THIS DAMNED-IF-YOU-DO AND DAMNED-IF-YOU-DON'T DILEMMA IS ANOTHER PART OF THE REVOLUTION AND PRODUCTION SEESAW WHICH THE CADRES FACE IN MEETING PRODUCTION TARGETS. IT IS LIKELY TO DO LITTLE TO IMPROVE ALREADY STRAINED CADRE MORALE. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

2. SEVERAL PROVINCIAL LEADERS PROLONGED ABSENCE FOLLOWED BY THEIR REAPPEARANCE AND CONCURRENT BROADCAST MENTION OF "RECENT CENTRAL INSTRUCTIONS" SUGGEST THAT HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS HAVE BEEN CONVENED AND DECISIONS REACHED BY THE CENTER. APPARENTLY HIGH ON THE PRIORITY LIST WAS THE QUESTION OF "LABOR DISCIPLINE" TO MEET PROBLEMS WITHIN THE FACTORIES (HK 8355). BROADCASTS FROM SEVERAL PROVINCES HAVE CALLED FOR DISCIPLINE AND DISCUSSION OF IMPLEMENTATION OF RULES AND REGULATIONS. ANOTHER TOPIC LIKELY DISCUSSED AT THE CENTER MEETINGS IS CONVENING THE NATIONAL MASS ORGANIZATION CONGRESSES, WHICH HAVE SLIPPED FROM PROVINCIAL NEWS REPORTS. THE ONE MASS ORGANIZATION NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN THE PROJECTED NATIONAL SESSIONS--- POOR AND LOWER MIDDLE PEASANTS' ASSOCIATION --- CONTINUES TO EXPAND WITH THE CURRENT CZECHWAN CONGRESS MARKING THE TENTH PROVINCIAL UNIT TO BE ORGANIZED. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

3. PARTY-PLA RELATIONS

HUPEH PARTY FIRST SECRETARY CHAO HSIN-CHU HAS BEEN IDENTIFIED WITH THE ADDITIONAL TITLE OF FIRST POLITICAL COMMISSAR IN HUPEH'S MILITARY DISTRICT (RADIO HUPEH JULY 18), CONTINUING A PATTERN OF CIVILIAN PARTY INPUT IN TO THE MILITARY STRUCTURE. CHAO IS THE 17TH OF THE RANKING PROVINCIAL PARTY SECRETARIES TO HOLD SUCH A POSITION (HK A-46). PARTY SUPERVISION OF MILITIA WAS AFFIRMED, AS OPEN MEDIA SOURCES FOR THE FIRST TIME REVEALED A PROVINCIAL-LEVEL PARTY UNIT RESPONSIBLE FOR MILITIA WORK (RADIO KIRIN JULY 15). A KIRIN CONFIDENTIAL

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FACTORY ADOPTING THE SHANGHAI THREE-IN-ONE MODEL OF COMBINING MILITIA, PUBLIC SECURITY, AND FIRE-FIGHTING FORCES HAS JOINED THEM INTO AN "ARMED DEFENSE DEPARTMENT --- 2976/5944/0202/5898 6752 (JULY 11 BROACCAST). IT IS STILL IMPOSSIBLE TO TELL WHETHER THIS REPRESENTS A GRAIN IN CONTROL FOR THE PARTY OF THE ARMY. FINALLY IN SPORTS WORK, LONG UNDER PWLA CONTROL A JULY 17 ANHWEI BROADCAST MADE A RATHER PLAIN-TIV APPEAL FOR AN EXPENDED PARTY ROLE" IT IS ESSENTIAL TO PUT SPORTS UNDER THE PARTY'S UNIFIED LEADERSHIP, ASK FOR ITS INSTRUCTION MORE OFTEN AND KEEP IT INFORMED MORE OFTEN". LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. LI TEH-SHENG RESUMED PUBLIC ROLE IN SHENYANG

FOLLOWING A SERIES OF NO-SHOWS AND POSSIBLE SLIGHT THROUGH-

OUT THIS YEAR IN SHEYANG MILITARY REGION BASE (WR25,17
14), MR COMMANDER LI THEN- #3,& #- D ADDRESSED A RECENT MEETING
IN SHENYANG, HIS FIRST MORE THAN TOKEN PUBLIC RPERFORMANCE IS
SHENYANG SINCE LAST NOVEMBER (NCNA DOMESTIC SERVICE JLY 22).
LI WAS IDENTIFIED AS A MEMBER OF THE POLITBURO, HIS SECOND
IDENTIFICATION AS SUCH IN TOW MONTH FOLLOWING A HIATUS OF
ONE, YEAR, AND AS A RESPONSIBLE PERSON OF THE SHENYANG MR.
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5. UNITED STATES

THE COMMENT OF HONG KONG'S PRC-OWNED WEN WEI PAO ON THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF PRESIDENT FORD'S PLANS TO VISIT EUROPE POINTED OUT THAT THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT WILL CONCENTRATE ON EASTERN EUROPE AND IS THEREFORE A US EFFORT TO SPLIT UP THE WARSAW PACT AND TO STRENGTHEN THE AMERICAN POSITION IN ITS CONTENTION WITH THE SOVIETS. AFTER DEPICTING WEST GERMANY AS THE FRONT LINE AGAINST AN ATTACK FROM THE EAST WITH SOME 300,000 US TROOPS STATIONED THERE, THE COMMENTATOR CLAIMED THE PRESIDENTIAL STOPOVER IN BOMM IS TO DISCUSS WAYS OF MEETING THE SOVIET THREAT. UNCLASSIFIED

6. US-USSR COOPERATION IN SPACE

PRC MEDIA CONTINUES TO KEEP ITS POPULACE IN THE DARK ABOUT US AND USSR MANNED SPACE FLIGHT BUT NCNA, ON JULY 20, CARRIED A PEOPLE'S DAILY ARTICLE CONDEMNING HEAVY SOVIET EXPENDITURES ON SPACE EXPLORATION AND CLAIMING THAT BOTH SUPERPOWERS USE SPACE FOR MILITARY AND SPY PURPOSES. (HK8308) THE HONG KONG PRC-OWNED PRESS HAS CONTINUED (WR 29) TO CARRY BRIEF NEWS AGENCY REPORTS ON THE APOLLO-SOYUZ MISSIONS AND TO PROTRAY THE EVENT IN COMMUNIST ARIES AS MOCK DENTENTE. CLAIMING THAT SUPERPOWERS CONTENTIONS ON EARTH IS SHARPENING, THE HK COMMUNIST PRESS CONSIDERED THAT US-USSR SPACE COOPERATION IS "NOTHING BUT A FARCE" AND A "FACADE" TO CONCEAL THE INCREASED SUPERPOWER ESPIONAGE WAR ON EARTH. CONFIDENTIAL

7. EUROPEAN SECURITY

AS PREPARATIONS FOR THE SCHEDULED JULY 30 CSCE SUMMIT

MEETING IN HELSINKI CONTINUE APACE, PRC MEDIA DURING THE
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WEEK FEATURED A SERIES OF ARTICLES AND REPORTS STRESSING SUPERPOSERS CONTENTION IN EUROPE AND THE SOVIET THREAT TO WESTERN EUROPE. NCNA JULY 17 REPORTED THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE CONFERENCE ON REDUCTION OF FORCES IN CNETRAL EURPOE MEETING IN VIENNA, NOTING THAT "NO SUBSTANTIVE PROGRESS WAS MADE" DURING THIS SESSION AND THAT IN TWO AND A HALF YEARS THE TALKS HAVE ACCOMPLISHED NOTHING. THE SAME DAY, NCNA CARRIED QUOTES FROM A NUMBER OF CONSERVATIVE BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIAN CALLING FOR THE UK TO KEEP ITS GUARD UP DESPITE PROGRESS ON THE CSCE. NCNA ALSO REPORTED REITERATION BY THE MALTESE PRIME MINISTER OF THE NEED FOR SUPER-POWER ARMS REDUCTION IN EUROPE PRIOR TO CONCLUSON OF THE CSCE AND AN INTERVIEW WITH THE FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON THE NEED FOR THE INDEPENDENT FRENCH NUCLEAR UMBRELLA AND HIS CRITICISM OF DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE AS BEING "NEGOTIATIONS ONLY IN APPEARANCE". (NCNA, JULY 17-21). LIMITED
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8. THE MIDDLE EAST

A HIGH LEVEL AL-FATEH DELEGATION LED BY ABOU JIHAD (ARAFAT'S BROTHER-IN-LAW AND A FOUNDING FATEH MEMBER WHO ONCE STUDIED IN THE PRC AND SERVED AS FATEH REPRESENTATIVE IN PEKING 1973) ARRIVED IN CHINA ON JULY 17. ALTHOUGH NCNA RARELY KEEPS ITS READERSHIP APPRISED OF THE ACTIVITIES OF VISITING PLO DELEGATIONS, THIS TIME IT HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE GROUP'S "CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY CONVERSATION" WITH PRC SENIOR VICE-PREMIER TENT HSIAO-PING AND FONMIN CHIAO KUAN-HUA. (MOREOVER, A PRC-OWNED HONG KONG PAPER ON JULY 23 FRONT PAGED A PHOTO OF THE TENG-JIHAD MEETING). ON JULY 18, NCNA CARRIED A REPORT OF A BANQUET HONORING THE GROUP AND HOSTED BY VICE FONMIN HO YING AT WHICH HO CHARACTERIZED THE MID-EAST SITUATION AS "EXCELLENT", ACKNOWLEDGE SOME MOVEMENT TOWARD RESOLVING THE MIOBAAEAST PROBLEM WHEN HE ASSERTED THAT THE SUPER-POWERS ARE TRYING " TO RESTORE THE NO WAR, NO PEACE' STALE-MATE", AND CHARGED THE SOVIETS WITH PRACTICING SPLITISM IN A BID TO DISRUPT AND UNDERMINE THE STRUGGLE OF THE PALESTINIAN AND ARAB PEOPLES. CASTING YET ANOTHER BARB AT THE SOVIETS, HO DECLARED THAT THE SINO-PALESTINIAN/ARAB FRIENDSHIP AND REVOLUTIONARY UNITY "CAN STAND ALL TESTS AND NO ONE CAN EVER DISRUPT OR UNDERMINE IT."

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9. IN REPLY, JIHAD STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF ARMED STRUGGLE

AND UNITY AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR CHINA'S "CONSISTENT SUPPORT AND AID." THE FATEH DELEGATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY SEEK INCREASED CHINESE SUPPORT FOR THE ARAB CAUSE IN THE STRUGGLE AGAINST ISREAL. HOWEVER, IT IS THE COMMON BOND OF PROBLEMS WITH MOSCOW, RATHER THAN WITH TEL AVIV, THAT ACCOUNTS FOR THESE RECENT FATEH AND CHINESE MOVES TO HIGHLIGHT THEIR FRIENDSHIP AND SOLIDARITY. (BERUIT 9422 AND NCNA JULY 17, 18 & 21). CONFIDENTIAL

10. ELSEWHERE AN NCNA REPORT ON THE ECONOMIC AND STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF PORT ADEN AS A RESULT OF THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL ALSO TOOK NOTE OF AN ARTICLE IN THE OFFICIAL PRESS OF THE PEPOLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF UEMEN WHICH STATED THAT "WE ARAB PEOPLES ARE HOSPITABLE. WE WELCOME ALL GUESTS AND TOURISTS TO OUR COUNTRY, BUT WE DON'T WELCOME ANY GUEST WITH WARSHIPS BECAUSE IT MEANS LETTING THE TIGER THROUGH THE BACK DOOR WHILE REPELLING THE WOLF THROUGH THE FRONT GATE, "--A NOT UNWELCOMED VARIATION ON A FAVORITE PCR THEME. (NCNA JULY 19.

11. AFRICA

FNLA REPRESENTATIVE HENDRICK VAAL NETO IS THE LATEST OF THE LEADERS OF ANGOL'S THREE RIVAL NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS TO SEEK THE ASSISTANCE OF PEKING. (THE MARCH VISIT TO PEKING OF A UNIT A DELEGATION WAS FOLLOWED BY A JUNE VISIT OF AN MPLA MISSION.) NCNA HAS REPORTED NETO'S JULY 16 MEETING WITH VICE PREMIER TENG HSIAO-PING BYT PRC MEDIA HAVE NOT REPORTED NETO'S DENUNCIATION OF SOVIET "INTERFERENCE" IN ANGOLAN AFFAIRS, VEILED REFERENCES TO MOSCOW'S MILITARY SUPPORT FOR THE MPLA, NOR HIS CONTENTION THAT THE MAIN PURPOSE OF THE VISIT IS TO THANK THE PRC FOR ITS AID AND TO LAY THE BASIS FOR POST-INDEPENDENCE COOPERATION WITH CHINA. IN ADDITION, NCNA HAS REFRAINED FROM CARRYING NEWS REPORTS OF THE RECENT STEP-UP IN FIGHTING AMOUNG THE TREE RIVAL MOVE-MENTS AND HAS NOT RESPONDED TO SOVIET CHARGES OF PEKING'S MILITARY SUPPORT FOR FNLA. INSTEAD, PRC MEDIA HAVE FOCUSED ON THE FRIENDLIER STRUGGLES AT THE AFRO-ASIAN-LATIN AMERICAN TABLE TENNIS MEET IN LAGOS, THE OAU MEETING IN KAMPALA, AND CONFIDENTIAL
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